Dear Earl, 8/11/81

After we spoke I searched my Marina files, which are in the basement. I do have one titled "blackmail," which is what I told you about, and several others, besides the general Marina file, but what is flabbergasting is that all the copies are missing from the "blackmail" file.

I can't understand this because anyone who comes here knows that we'll make copies, so there was no need for anyone to steal them.

So, I've spent the rest of the afternoon searching other files in which some of these might have been filed, under other subjects. I've come to about two dozen, which are enclosed.

However, these are far from all and they are not as explicit as some I recall.

Getting any more now would require what I'm not up to, a search of the main files as I received them. By date we could reconstruct what has disappeared.

After the Report came out, as you'll see, there was some consternation over what Marina testified to in Dallas, as I recall in 9/63, at the naval or air base there. That testimony is what kindled my interest and kept me alert to what has disappeared, the records of the blackmailing. She told the Commission that she was pressured, and that her choices were between doing what the FBI asked of her and deportation. Probably the easiest and fastest way of locating that testimony is through the Whitewash chapter titled "The Oswalds' Government Relations." I quote it extensively there.

I've marked up parts I think may hold more interest for you. I'm sorry that I can't send you all on this. Not without more work than I can now do. My recollection of her testimony leads me to believe that Marina may not be unwilling to spell it out for you. It ought be obvious that there was no other need for sending an INS hatchet from Washington for there are Texas offices. And for what other purpose would they eliminate all witnesses?

There is a college student who has been helping me on a part-time basis. I expected her to be back yesterday. When she is next here I'll ask her if she can account for these missing records. If she knows, I'll let you know promptly.

Best wishes,